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**From:** Lisa McClain-Vanderpool  
**Sent:** Sat 8/15/2015 5:50:58 PM  
**Subject:** RE: REGIONAL RESPONSE on WSJ Q15 - JIC/EOC ACTION: WALL STREET JOURNAL: DEADLINE ASAP

Yes this is the final language.

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**To:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Press  
**Cc:** StClair, Christie; Smith, Paula; Mylott, Richard  
**Subject:** Re: REGIONAL RESPONSE on WSJ Q15 - JIC/EOC ACTION: WALL STREET JOURNAL: DEADLINE ASAP

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**From:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 15, 2015 12:56 PM  
**To:** EOC Public Information; Press  
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See below – let us know if this is sufficient.

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**From:** Williams, Laura  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 15, 2015 10:48 AM

**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn; Portillos, Christine  
**Cc:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Stavnes, Sandra; Mylott, Richard  
**Subject:** Re: JIC/EOC ACTION: WALL STREET JOURNAL: DEADLINE ASAP

So, the reporter has blended a number of projects into their question. I'll give you the information and let you determine how to respond.

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Please call me if you have questions or want to discuss further. Thank you, lw

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**From:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 15, 2015 10:04 AM  
**To:** Williams, Laura; Portillos, Christine  
**Subject:** FW: JIC/EOC ACTION: WALL STREET JOURNAL: DEADLINE ASAP

Don't think this adds anything but am sending all related threads just in case I'm missing something...

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**From:** StClair, Christie

**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 8:45 PM

**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn; Press; EOC Public Information

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14. How much have you spent approximately on this particular cleanup? Since we're still in the middle of this response, we aren't able to answer this question.

15. We've learned that this particular EPA cleanup project to plug the mines in the

Animas watershed, including Gold King & Sunnyside, cost \$1.5 million and began in July. Can you confirm that?

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**From:** Laura Jenkins [<mailto:Jenkins.Laura@epamail.epa.gov>]

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**To:** Press; EOC Public Information

**Cc:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Stavnes, Sandra; Mylott, Richard

**Subject:** FW: JIC/EOC ACTION: WALL STREET JOURNAL: DEADLINE ASAP

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In addition , wanted to pass along a heads-up that ANOTHER – MORE DETAILED REQUEST – is coming in shortly from the WSJ. I just received a call from Alexandra Berzon, of WSJ, who has more detailed questions RE: Superfund. Will forward as soon as it comes.

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**From:** Stavnes, Sandra

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**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn; EOC Public Information; Press

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**From:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn

**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 2:52 PM

**To:** EOC Public Information; Press

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14. How much have you spent approximately on this particular cleanup?

15. We've learned that this particular EPA cleanup project to plug the mines in the Animas watershed, including Gold King & Sunnyside, cost \$1.5 million and began in July. Can you confirm that?

We hope to have an answer the following question by 4:00 today:

8. The owner of Gold King mine says EPA has not held Sunnyside and Kennross Corp responsible enough for the chronic leakage and this spill. What's your response to that?

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**From:** Thomas, Latosha **On Behalf Of** EOC Public Information

**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 11:28 AM

**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn

**Subject:** Fw: several questions // Gold King Mine

**Importance:** High

Hi Laura,

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**From:** Friedland, Melissa on behalf of EOC Technical Specialist

**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 1:09 PM

**To:** EOC Public Information

**Subject:** Fw: several questions // Gold King Mine

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**From:** Friedland, Melissa on behalf of EOC Technical Specialist  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 1:01 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Subject:** Re: several questions // Gold King Mine

Nancy,

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**From:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 12:54 PM  
**To:** EOC Technical Specialist  
**Cc:** EOC Public Information  
**Subject:** FW: several questions // Gold King Mine

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Thanks, nancy

Nancy Cohen

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**From:** Lee, Monica  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 12:48 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Subject:** FW: several questions // Gold King Mine  
**Importance:** High

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1. ~~Will President Obama declare emergencies in the affected states to open up federal disaster funding?~~ She'll have to ask the WH
2. Regarding the hiatus into similar "field investigation work," approximately how many mines does this affect?
3. Does this hiatus just apply to hardrock mines, or other kinds too?
4. How much has EPA spent on cleaning up abandoned mines since, well, as far back as your data goes?
5. ~~Relatedly, do you have any estimates on costs to plug the rest?~~ We don't have an estimate to share at this time.
6. How much have you spent approximately on this particular cleanup?
7. We've learned that this particular EPA cleanup project to plug the mines in the Animas watershed, including Gold King & Sunnyside, cost \$1.5 million and began in July. Can you confirm that?
8. The owner of Gold King mine says EPA has not held Sunnyside and Kennross Corp responsible enough for the chronic leakage and this spill. What's your response to that?

Let me know if you're able to help with the rest – thank you!

**From:** Harder, Amy [<mailto:Amy.Harder@wsj.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 12:21 PM  
**To:** Reynolds, Thomas; Purchia, Liz; Harrison, Melissa  
**Subject:** RE: several questions // Gold King Mine

Hi Tom, Liz and Melissa, I'm circling back on this. Our broader story is set to be published later this afternoon. I realize you guys have been swamped, but could you at least shed some light on the funding questions? And/or give us the last decade of data that [this EPA website](#) has for 1993-2005?

A response at your earliest convenience would be much appreciated.

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**From:** Harder, Amy  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 8:01 AM  
**To:** 'Reynolds, Thomas'; 'Purchia, Liz'; 'Harrison, Melissa'  
**Subject:** several questions // Gold King Mine

Hi Tom, Liz and Melissa,

Thank you for answering all my questions in the last couple of days. I have a few more questions, not surprisingly. A couple of these I pinged you about yesterday, but I imagine they got lost in the shuffle.

It might be best if you could put us on the phone to talk through some of these questions, though I realize it's an all hands on deck kind of situation right now for you all, so perhaps tomorrow might be better. In any case, would you be able to get back to us on these as soon as you're able? These are questions from me, Dan Frosch in Colorado and Alexandra Berzon based in L.A. We're the main reporters working on this. I can be reached on my cell phone today at 202.906.9629.

Thanks much.

9. Will President Obama declare emergencies in the affected states to open up federal disaster funding?

10. Regarding the hiatus into similar "field investigation work," approximately how many mines does this affect?

11. Does this hiatus just apply to hardrock mines, or other kinds too?

12. How much has EPA spent on cleaning up abandoned mines since, well, as far back as your data goes?

13. Relatedly, do you have any estimates on costs to plug the rest?

14. How much have you spent approximately on this particular cleanup?

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16. The owner of Gold King mine says EPA has not held Sunnyside and Kennross Corp responsible enough for the chronic leakage and this spill. What's your response to that?

Best,

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